(*b*) Are they aware of the want of proper means of communication from the lakes bordering that taluk to the interior parts and also of the consequent difficulty experienced by cultivators in the matter of transporting manures, etc., for use in those parts?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to provide more and better means of communication for that taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) (i) It is not possible to furnish information regarding the revenue of the taluk from the several sources, as accounts of revenue for the several departments are not kept taluk-war. The land revenue of the taluk for 1097 was Rs. 1,48,736-Chs. 22 -C. 15.

(ii) As expenditure is not accounted for by taluks, it is not possible to furnish accurate information. The annual expenditure on communications in the taluk is, however, roughly calculated by the Chief Engineer to be Rs. 12,375, exclusive of expenditure on original works.

(iii) The population of the taluk, inclusive of the town of Kayankulam, is 1,58,058.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Karunagapalli is a taluk where road-making is difficult and costly. The matter is, however, receiving every possible attention.

Appointment of Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department.

203. MR. M. N. PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing in detail the qualification, service and previous pay of all the persons who have been appointed as Sub-Inspectors under the recent reorganisation of the Excise Department?

(*b*) Is it a fact that acting clerks without sufficient qualification and getting only Rs. 15 and Petty Officers on Rs. 20 have been promoted as Sub-Inspectors under the reorganisation, overlooking the claims of other subordinates of longer service and higher pay?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The statement* asked for by the member is laid on the table. Appointments above Rs. 40 per mensem have received the sanction of Government. Those below are being scrutinised, so as to ascertain whether they are in order.

(*b*) Three acting clerks who are English School Leaving Certificate holders (two on Rs. 20 and one on Rs. 15) and 7 Petty Officers on Rs. 20 have been promoted as Sub-Inspectors on the ground of ability and fitness for executive work.

Civil Suits against Government on the file of the District Court, Kottayam.

204. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (i) Will the Government be pleased to make a statement with regard to—

* *Vide* Appendix II – pages 752 to 755.

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[Mr. R Krishna Pillai.]

(*a*) the amounts including costs decreed against Government for the last twelve years in civil suits on the file of the Kottayam District Court and in appeals from the said court; and

(*b*) the number of suits and appeals in which such amounts have been decreed?

(ii) Have the Government taken advantage of the *locus penitentiæ* afforded by the notice under Section 409 C. P. C. and sought to avoid the consequences of litigation in any of the aforesaid suits or appeals?

(iii) Has any attention been paid by the Government to the causes which gave rise to such litigation?

(iv) If the Government are satisfied that such litigation is caused by wilful misbehaviour or illegal acts on the part of Government servants, will they hold the public servants concerned liable at least for the costs decreed against the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (i) A statement* giving the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Yes.

(iv) Each case will be decided on its merits.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: With respect to part (ii), may I know the percentage of cases in which Government say that they have taken advantage of the notice given them under section 409?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I have no information.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: With respect to part (iv), has the attention of the Government been drawn to the misbehaviour of any particular Government servant with respect to any civil suit?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice.

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Appendix III.

Statement showing the number of Civil Suits and Appeals decided against Sirkar for the last 12 years, *viz.*, 1086 to 1097, and the amounts decreed including cost.

[*Vide* **Answer to Question No. 204.**]

Serial No.	Number and year of suits.	Nature of decision.	Rs.	ch.	c.	Remarks.
1	O. S. 30/86	Sircar to pay costs alone ...	8	13	8	
2	O. S. 56/86	Do. decree amount and costs.	24	26	0	
3	O. S. 93/86	Do. costs alone ...	22	8	6	
4	O. S. 110/86	Do. Do. ...	254	7	0	
5	O. S. 111/86	Do. decree amount and costs.	634	1	0	
6	O. S. 113/86	Do. Do. ...	1,924	19	5	
7	O. S. 115/86	Do. Do. ...	225	21	6	
8	O. S. 116/86	Do. costs alone ...	10	26	14	
9	O. S. 119/86	Do. Do. ...	262	11	8	
10	O. S. 122/86	Do. Do. ...	6,330	21	13	
11	O. S. 123/86	Do. decree amount alone ...	127	2	0	
12	O. S. 124/86	Do. decree amount and costs.	120	17	10	
13	O. S. 125/86	Do. Do. ...	115	16	6	
14	O. S. 128/86	Do. Do. ...	816	27	7	
15	O. S. 130/86	Do. Do. ...	612	3	0	
16	O. S. 131/86	Do. Do. ...	395	12	8	
17	O. S. 133/86	Do. Do. ...	363	7	8	
18	O. S. 135/86	Do. Do. ...	305	2	0	
19	O. S. 137/86	Do. Do. ...	30	13	0	
20	O. S. 138/86	Do. Do. ...	177	16	8	
21	O. S. 139/86	Do. Do. ...	369	11	0	
22	O. S. 141/86	Do. Do. ...	259	0	14	
23	O. S. 143/86	Do. Do. ...	69	5	12	
24	O. S. 144/86	Do. Do. ...	181	17	12	
25	O. S. 8/87	Do. costs alone ...	381	10	12	
26	O. S. 70/87	Do. decree amount and costs.	422	22	8	
27	O. S. 85/87	Do. Do. ...	32	20	5	
28	O. S. 4/88	Do. Do. ...	1,356	19	14	
29	O. S. 29/88	Do. decree amount alone ...	5	8	0	
30	O. S. 33/88	Do. Do. ...	78	1	0	
31	O. S. 34/88	Do. Do. ...	48	2	0	
32	O. S. 78/88	Do. Do. ...	38	17	8	
33	O. S. 79/88	Do. decree amount and costs ...	933	20	2	
34	O. S. 88/88	Do. Do. ...	335	24	0	
35	O. S. 97/88	Do. decree amount alone ...	42	20	12	
36	O. S. 88/89	Do. decree amount and costs.	108	6	4	
37	O. S. 108/89	Do. Do. ...	274	0	0	
38	O. S. 19/90	Do. Do. ...	1,317	22	4	
39	O. S. 31/90	Do. decree amount alone ...	74	7	4	
40	O. S. 32/90 A. S. 93/93	Do. Do. ...	56	15	12	
41	O. S. 34/90	Do. Do ...	44	7	0	
42	O. S. 22/90	Do. decree amount and costs	126	15	6	
43	O. S. 45/90	Do. decree amount alone ...	133	9	2	
44	O. S. 49/90	Do. Do. ...	191	13	8	
45	O. S. 68/90	Do. Do. ...	56	5	6	
46	O. S. 80/90	Do. decree amount and costs	410	24	0	
47	O. S. 81/90	Do. Do. ...	516	21	8	
48	O. S. 96/90	Do. Do. ...	1,298	4	10	

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Serial No.	Number and year of suits.	Nature of decision.	Rs.	ch.	c	Remarks.
49	O. S. 7/91	Sirkar to pay decree amount alone ...	71	12	2	
50	O. S. 8/91	Do. decree amount and costs.	52	10	8	
51	O. S. 10/91	Do. Do.	59	11	4	
52	O. S. 54/91	Do. costs alone	51	21	12	
53	O. S. 56/91 A. S. 437/93 ...	Do. Do. ...	37	22	0	
54	O. S. 67/91 ...	Do. Do. ...	26	17	0	
55	O. S. 79/91	Do. Do. ...	58	12	12	
56	O. S. 91/91	Do. decree amount alone ...	27	0	7	
57	O. S. 5/92	Do. Do. ...	66	21	0	
58	O. S. 28/92/ A. S. 90/94	Do. decree amount and costs	85	14	8	
59	O. S. 49/92	Do. Do. ...	88	22	0	
60	O. S. 48/92	Do. Do. ...	807	11	0	
61	O. S. 54/92 ...	Do. Do. ...	87	15	0	
62	O. S. 68/92	Do. Do. ...	119	3	10	
63	O. S. 76/92	Do. Do. ...	114	12	8	
64	O. S. 72/92 ...	Do. Do. ...	1,173	8	6	
65	O. S. 81/92	Do. costs alone ...	10	26	0	
66	O. S. 88/92	Do. decree amount and costs.	64	16	0	
67	O. S. 77/92	Do. costs alone ...	87	8	8	
68	O. S. 95/92	Do. Do. ...	26	2	0	
69	O. S. 6/93	Do. decree amount and costs.	152	27	0	
70	O. S. 17/93	Do. Do. ...	161	3	4	
71	O. S. 28/93	Do. Do. ...	125	25	0	
72	O. S. 41/93	Do. Do. ...	82	13	8	
73	O. S. 43/93	Do. Do. ...	61	26	8	
74	O. S. 62/93	Do. costs alone ...	65	21	0	
75	O. S. 63/93	Do. Do. ...	46	9	8	
76	O. S. 74/93	Do. decree amount and costs.	61	17	2	
77	O. S. 92/93	Do. decree amount alone ...	52	19	0	
78	O. S. 100/93	Do. decree amount and costs.	28	9	4	
79	O. S. 78/93	Do. Do. ...	62	18	8	
80	O. S. 8/94	Do. Do. ...	99	13	12	
81	O. S. 38/94	Do. Do. ...	36	23	0	
		Total ...	26,064	3	9	

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Appendix III.—(*Concld.*)

Classes of suits filed.

Suits filed from 1086 to 1097 (12 years)	...	464
Suits decreed in favour of Sirkar	...	142
Suits decreed against Sirkar	...	147
Suits compromised	...	26
Suits admitted by Sirkar	...	5
Suits wherein Sirkar was removed from being a party	...	7
Suits transferred to other courts	...	17
Suits pending both in the original and appellate courts ...	...	120
Total	...	464

Classes of 147 suits decreed against Sirkar.

(1)	Cherikkal Cases	...	42
(2)	Puduval Cases	...	38
(3)	Poramboke Cases	...	32
(4)	Thiruppuvarom Cases	...	8
(5)	For cancellation of Revenue Proceedings Cases ...	...	6
(6)	For refund of money (*re* deposit, pay, Anubhavam, etc.)	...	21
	Total	...	147

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